

REMARKS

Applicants amend claims 1, 3-4, 9, 11-13, 15, 17-18, 20, 22, 24, 26-27, and 29-37. Support for the amendments and is found in the specification as originally filed. No new matter is added. Claims 1-37 will be pending after entry of this Amendment.

Applicant has amended the specification to add a priority claim to International Patent Application No. PCT/GB2003/004925, filed March 27, 2002, under the Patent Cooperation Treaty ("PCT"). Applicant also amends the specification to claim the benefit of earlier filing dates and cross-reference related applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.78.

CONCLUSION


Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider and allow all pending claims. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned to discuss any issues regarding this matter.

Applicants believe that no additional fees are necessitated by this Preliminary Amendment. In the event, however, that any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fees to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 07-1700.

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